

DRAINAGE TASK FORCE STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY

**Thursday, October 28, 2010; 7:00 P.M.
City of Centerville, Law Library**

Attendees: Council Member James Singer, Committee Chair; Council Member John Beals; Task Force Members Ron Greive, Regis Lekan, and Harvey Smith; Staff Members Robert James, Public Works Director; John Sliemers, Assistant City Engineer; and Mary Lou Pence, PW Operations Manager.

I. Introductions

Mr. Singer opened the meeting the meeting with a brief history of the Task Force. The group was established in 1989 following several 50 year storm events. As a result of the stormwater master plan developed in the early 1990's, a number of projects have been completed in Centerville to improve stormwater drainage concerns. These projects include construction of stormwater basins at Iron Horse Park and the Activity Center Park as well as drainage ditch improvements at select locations. Last spring (2010) a ditch maintenance policy was adopted by City Council following input by the Centerville-Washington Park District, the Drainage Task Force and City Staff. Mr. Singer stated that he believes the Task Force is a valuable group.

Mr. Singer asked for and received approval of the October 2009 meeting summary. Mr. Smith made a motion to accept the meeting summary. Mr. Greive seconded the motion. The Task Force approved the summary as written.

Mr. Beals made comments on the width of the Village South ditch that was detailed in the August 20, 2010 letter to residents. He said that 2 feet seems pretty narrow. Mr. James said that Public Works staff is directed to trim a 2 - 5 foot swath four times per year. Mr. Lekan stated that he looked at the ditch on Sunday and it 'seemed OK', but recommends that another letter be sent out in several years as folks move, forget, etc about their responsibilities.

II. Overview of roadway and drainage improvements in 2009 – 2010 (refer to hand-out)

Mr. Singer opened the discussion to drainage improvements and expenditures in 2010. Mrs. Pence reviewed the drainage related work detailed on the hand-out entitled "STORMWATER DRAINAGE ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND EXPENDITURES - 2010". Several items of note include the large sized rip rap that used on the Centerville Station Road embankment project to help curb erosion of the stream bank. The rip rap is essentially the largest sized specified by ODOT. On the Sheehan Road project there are infiltration trenches along the gutter line that catch the first flush of pollutants before the water passes into the pipe under the curb before entering the storm sewer.

With respect to City staff performed work, Public Works crews completed the annual inspections

and repairs to catch basins City-wide. With the newly adopted ditch maintenance policy, ditch maintenance can be inspected and code violations may be issued. Mr. Singer asked for a report on ditch maintenance code violations to be included in next year's meeting discussion. Additionally Mr. Singer asked that this information be expanded into a spreadsheet that includes inspections and maintenance.

Mr. Sliemers presented a City-wide drainage map (2009) detailing drainageways, easements, etc. A copy of this map will be made available to Task Force members. Mr. Sliemers then showed an older version of the drainage map highlighting the differences available in technology now. Upon a question from Mr. Beals, a discussion ensued about 'public' versus 'private' ditches.

Mr. Singer then asked about the mosquito report and stated that he would like for staff to come up with a position/ recommendation on what needs to be done regarding mosquitoes. Mr. Lekan expressed concern about the condition of the (Village South) ditch, standing water, and mosquitoes. Mr. Lekan said that it didn't appear that the recent project worked since there is still standing water in the ditch. Mr. James responded by saying that the project provided improvement. Mr. Beals suggested that the high water table (in the Village South ditch area) would preclude using dry wells to alleviate standing water in/ along the ditch. Mr. Singer asked that Staff publicize the information from the Health Department letter. He stressed the importance of not 'sitting on the information'.

III. Development Projects (refer to hand-out)

Mr. Singer then called for a review of development projects that have occurred over the last year or are underway at this time. The handout provided a summary of current projects:

1. St. Leonards – construction of a new Wellness Center and independent living and assisted living centers. Site work includes 4 new stormwater basins.
2. Kroger on South Main Street – construction of a new Kroger Marketplace on the existing Elder Beerman site. Site work includes 3 new dry basins. It should be noted that this was a previously impervious site; however stormwater accommodations were made with the improvements.
3. Sheehan Road improvements – roadway widening and improvements underway to accommodate expansion of Kroger site. Stormwater accommodations include infiltration trenches. (See II. above.)
4. Aydelotte expansion on South Suburban Road includes new underground detention.

IV. Ohio EPA Requirements – Phase 2

See comments within meeting handout – copy attached.

V. Montgomery County Project Update

See comments within meeting handout – copy attached.

VI. 2011 and Beyond projects

Projects recommended to be included in the five year CIP include:

- 2011 Concept East ditch improvements = \$80,000 (may need 2 years)
- 2012 Centerville Station Road – embankment stabilization – Phase 3A = \$50,000
Centerville plat culvert replacement = \$32,000
- 2013 Rose Estates ditch improvements = \$80,000
Millbank Drive ditch improvements – re-grading/ repair = \$35,000
Centerville Station Road – embankment stabilization – Phase 3B = \$60,000
- 2014 Chardonnay Valley stormwater = \$80,000 (depending on development)
- 2015 Gracewood/ Cloverwood ditch improvements = \$80,000.

Additionally the CIP provides for \$10,000 annually for OEPA Phase 2 related expenses and \$10,000 to \$25,000 annually for ditch cleaning.

Mr. Singer asked if the Task Force could support items as presented tonight when they go before Council next Monday, November 1, 2010. Mr. Singer called for a check on previous year's spending. (Author's note: please check handouts attached to this document for spending in 2010.)

Mr. Beals questioned splitting the Centerville Station Road embankment stabilization project into two phases. He stated that Council depends on Staff to recommend a hierarchy for projects as they don't necessarily know what projects should come before another.

Mr. Singer stated that the City Manager is determined to keep the City in good shape financially. The Task Force concurred with the recommendations herein and Mr. Singer will pass this onto Council.

Mr. Singer asked if there were additional comments from attendees. Mr. Beals stated that information on mosquitoes should be included in the Town Crier and/ or the Centerville Times – something that will reach the whole City, not just a target area. Then, if found necessary, further study of specific problem areas can be done. It was noted that the Health Department letter was sent to Village South residents with a cover letter from the City Manager.

With no other comments from the DTF members, Mr. Singer thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting at 9:15 PM.

Attachments

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